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This seminar explores the role that international social, cultural and economic rights play in the promotion of a just international legal order. It examines the nature of social and economic rights, the right of self-determination, the rights of indigenous peoples and religious, cultural and national minorities, international labour rights, and the relation between human rights and development. It studies the relationship between international social, cultural and economic rights, the international distribution of sovereign authority, and international legal commitments to the liberalization of trade, services and investment. It explores the extent to which social, cultural and economic rights can serve as instruments that promote a just distribution of sovereign authority and mitigate some of the adverse distributional consequences of economic globalization. Other themes of the course include the universalism-relativism debate, the relationship between international human rights law and domestic constitutional law, and changing conceptions of state sovereignty in international law.

Evaluation: Students will be evaluated by class participation (20%) and a 20 page written assignment (80%) distributed toward the end of the term and due at the end of the examination period. Students cannot fulfill the extended paper requirement in this course.

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